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TWO CENTS.

BIG GAINS BY THE GERMANS

Position Taken Over Distance of 1,600 Yards in the Champagne

DOUAMONT FORT IS CLOSELY ENCIRCLED

French Reserves Exhausted — Germans Advanced Their Lines Near Bras and Vacherauville and Report Success in the Woerwe District.

The capture of the Navarin farm in the Champagne district was announced by the war office. French positions on both sides over a distance of about 1,600 yards were taken. It is said over 1,000 men and nine machine guns were captured.

In the Verdun region fresh French reinforcements are being sent to the front. The Germans advanced their lines further near Bras and Vacherauville and made fresh gains in the Woerwe.

It is said that all French troops have been driven from the Meuse peninsula.

The German offensive on the western front is assuming even wider scope. Not only is the impetuous drive on Verdun being pressed vigorously, although with less rapid progress by the crown prince's armies, but the new movement in the Champagne is on a front much nearer Paris than the scene of the operations against Verdun, the former front being approximately 100 miles from Paris, while the Verdun fighting area is roughly 140 miles distant from the French capital.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—German forces yesterday evening made several attempts to capture the village of Douamont. Their efforts were broken by the resistance of the French troops, who withstood the most furious assault.

The situation at the fort of Douamont is without change. This fort is closely encircled.

In the Woerwe district the Germans yesterday evening and last night assumed greater activity.

The railroad station at Eix, after having changed hands several times, finally remained in the possession of the French. All the efforts of the Germans against hill No. 255 near Eix were without result.

In Odd Fellows' Hall

Monday night at 7.30—Regular meeting of Wautastiquet lodge.

The third degree will be conferred on a list of candidates tonight in a meeting of Wautastiquet lodge.

Tuesday, Feb. 29, 7.30 p. m.—Rehearsal of the Robekati degree.

WAR WITH AMERICA WOULD HELP GERMANY

High Naval Officer Declares Germans Would Then Be Able to Starve England.

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Feb. 28.—The Frankfurter Zeitung publishes an interview on submarine warfare, credited to a high naval officer, whose views, in substance, follow:

"A majority of German naval officers believe that a complete breach between Germany and America would be conducive to a far earlier victorious termination of the war, but only if Germany derived all the results logically arising out of such a break. As soon as Germany has in such a position that she need have no more consideration for America she could declare all Great Britain blockaded and announce that every ship, of whatever flag, which attempted to enter a British port would be regarded as a blockade runner and destroyed without warning."

"This policy would lead to the starvation of Britain and thus to her submission, and then automatically the submission of Russia and France. America would then be isolated and would have to submit because Germany, having obtained all the Enverette battleships and submarines would be far stronger on the sea than America. America when defeated would have to surrender all German merchant ships which she had seized, and also to pay all war costs of the Central Powers and their allies."

BOMBS HIT FACTORIES.

Germans Claim Zeppelins Caused Great Damage in England.

BERLIN, Feb. 28, by wireless to Sayville.—On the occasion of the last Zeppelin raid over England two government factories and two ammunition factories at Birmingham and one ammunition plant near Bradford were destroyed by bombs, the Over Seas News agency says.

RUSSIAN SHIP SUNK.

Fifteen on Board the Petshenga Reported Saved.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Russian steamship Petshenga has been sunk. Fifteen of those aboard were saved. The Petshenga was formerly the German steamship Erik Larsen, which was captured by the Russians early in the war.

HOPE FOR LAMAR.

His Conviction to Be Reviewed by the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The supreme court today required the federal court of appeals at New York to send up for review on its merits David Lamar's conviction of having impersonated an official of the United States.

THE WEATHER.

Partly Overcast Tonight and Tuesday—Diminishing West Winds.

WASHINGTON, February 28.—The weather forecast: Partly overcast tonight and Tuesday. Strong west winds diminishing.

LINER SUNK, 147 KILLED

Maloja, Sister Ship of the Persia, Struck a Mine Off Dover

STEAMER COMING TO RESCUE BLOWN UP

Most of the Victims Were Lascars—Captain Said That Both Passengers and Crew Behaved Splendidly—No Americans on Board.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Of the total complement of 411 passengers and crew on the Peninsular and Oriental Line steamship Maloja, which struck a mine and sank within half an hour two miles off Dover yesterday, only 289 are known to have been saved. Of the total 119 passengers, 64 names of persons saved have been received at the steamship company's offices. It was stated that it is hoped that more names of persons saved will still be received.

The bodies of three more Lascars of the crew have been washed ashore, making the total of bodies recovered 47.

Many relatives are arriving at Dover to endeavor to identify the bodies.

The Maloja left Tilbury only Saturday for Bombay with mails, 119 passengers of all classes aboard and a crew numbering about 200, most of them Lascars. Other passengers were to join the ship at Marseilles. The steamer had just passed Adulph pier at Dover and was opposite Shakespeare cliff when an explosion shook her from end to end. She listed immediately to port. High seas were running and the captain realizing that great damage had been done to the afterpart of his vessel, tried to run her ashore, but the engine room was swamped, and the ship became unmanageable.

The plight of the vessel was observed and dozens of craft went at full speed to her rescue. One of them, the British tanker Empress of Fort William of 2,181 tons, struck another mine and sank nearby. Aboard the Maloja everything possible was done to get the passengers and crew off. All the boats had already been swung out before she struck as a precaution against accident and all those aboard had sufficient time to put on lifebelts, instruction in the use of which had been given the previous evening.

Boat after boat and a number of rafts were sent away, but several persons leaped into the water and were picked up by the surrounding craft. It was at first thought that all had been saved, but later bodies were washed ashore and their number was gradually added to during the day.

Owing to the fact that Dover is under strict military law, it was possible to obtain only meager details from those rescued. The captain said that both passengers and crew behaved splendidly.

The passengers were for the most part British officials in the Indian service, the most prominent being Judge Oldfield of the Indian high court.

Only one of the crew of the Empress of Fort William was drowned. Up to midnight the bodies landed from the Maloja included 18 men, 11 women and 4 children, in addition to 11 Lascars. Among the dead is Mrs. McLeod, wife of Gen. McLeod.

ADMIT THEY KILLED

A WEALTHY WIDOW

Men Who Acknowledge Their Guilt Say They Were Hired by Victim's Son-in-Law.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 28.—William McClure and Joseph White pleaded guilty this morning to the murder of Mrs. Caroline Viehmier, a wealthy widow, whose body was found in her home on Dec. 12 last.

Her son-in-law, Aaron Fell, who, McClure and White declare, paid them \$500 to attack Mrs. Viehmier in order that he might secure possession of a note for \$4,000 she held against him, was placed on trial charged with complicity.

FIRE IN CONCORD, N. H.

Railroad Station Damaged to Amount of Several Thousand Dollars.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 28.—Fire today damaged the Boston & Maine railroad station here to the amount of several thousand dollars. Starting in a brakeman's locker in the baggage room the flames worked through partitions and the mail sorting room and several offices on the second story of the station building, including the office of President Benjamin A. Kimball of the Concord & Montreal railroad were practically wrecked.

Bald Heads at 30

Caused by your barber using unsanitary combs and brushes. Why not get your hair cut where combs and brushes are sterilized, and have a good head of hair at 60? It costs you no more.

Brooks House Sanitary Barber Shop
5 EXPERT BARBERS 5

COMMITTEE TO MEET THE ORPHEUS CLUB

Miss Stewart to Accompany Miss Castor—Company I Squad to Be Present—Nurses to Handle Programs.

Interest will be lent to the Kent Orpheus club concert by the appearance of Miss Isetta Stewart of the Woman's club, who will assist as accompanist for Miss Castor in her songs.

Company I, V. N. G., will be represented by a squad of men including Sergt. Boyd, who will assist in ticket taking. The squad will be under command of First Sergt. Miner and men in uniform will be stationed on the floor, the balcony and the gallery.

A number of nurses from the Memorial hospital also will assist in the distribution of programs and Red Cross leaflets.

The Orpheus club will be met upon arrival by a reception committee of representative business men, who will welcome the club members as Brattleboro's guests, escort them to the hall and after the concert will escort them to the train in appreciation of the service rendered by the club in their long trip for Brattleboro's pleasure.

This committee will be headed by Maj. F. W. Childs, chairman, and by the following vice-chairmen: F. R. Vaughan, representing Masonic organizations; H. J. Wilson, representing the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; O. P. Benson, representing the Vermont Wheel club; H. D. Walker, representing the board of trade; Capt. E. W. Gibson, representing Company I, V. N. G.

Other members of the several bodies are A. P. Simonds, F. C. Adams, W. L. Hunt, M. C. Houghton, C. G. Staples, W. J. Cain, G. L. Dunham, C. R. Crosby, Dr. H. W. Taylor and L. D. Taylor.

H. E. Harris will have charge of the ticket taking and will wear a uniform of the old Continental soldiers. John Tucker and John Barden, also in continental uniforms, will be stationed near the entrance. Secretary W. C. Taylor of the Orpheus club will be in Brattleboro this afternoon making final arrangements for the coming of the club.

TWO RUNAWAYS WITH BUT LITTLE DAMAGE

Moran & Rohde's Horse Distributed Camp Chairs on Main Street—Parcel Post Horse Takes Spin.

The horse attached to the delivery sleigh of Moran & Rohde, while standing at the stage entrance of the Auditorium this morning, became frightened and ran. In the sleigh was a load of camp chairs, and as the animal dashed out of the alleyway and turned down Main street he unloaded some of the chairs at the corner of High street. He distributed a few more on his trip down the street. He was turned into Elliot street and caught without having done any damage.

A horse owned by F. A. Larrow and driven by William Gilson on a sleigh being used for the delivery of parcel post Saturday afternoon ran down South Main street hill and turned in to Flat street, where it was stopped. Mail carrier Edwin F. Lindsey, who was on the back of the sleigh when the horse started to run, jumped off and sprained one thumb.

BONES GRAFTED

BY DR. ANDERSON

Operation in Memorial Hospital Today on Harry Day of Vernon, Whose Leg Was Broken by Bull.

Harry Day, 42, of Vernon, who was terribly injured by a bull Jan. 12, underwent a bone grafting operation in the Memorial hospital this morning, performed by Dr. George R. Anderson.

Among injuries he received was a bad fracture of the bones of his right leg, and these have failed to unite. The operation was performed with the aid of the bone grafting machine invented by Dr. Albee of New York, one of which is owned by Dr. Anderson and which was used here first a year ago.

A piece of bone from the left leg was removed and used in grafting together the ends of the bones of the right leg. It is expected that this will bring about a satisfactory union.

The left side of Mr. Day's chest, which was badly torn, one rib being broken and puncturing the lung, has healed, and except for the failure of the bones of his leg to unite he has recovered from injuries which, at first, it was feared would prove fatal.

CHURCH WAS WELL FILLED.

Union Christian Endeavor Meeting Addressed by Boston Official.

The First Baptist church was filled last evening, when a union Christian Endeavor meeting was held, addressed by A. J. Shurtle of Boston, treasurer and publication manager of the United Society of Christian Endeavor. Dr. W. Felch, president of the First Baptist Christian Endeavor society, presided and visiting delegations were present from Guilford, West Brattleboro and this village, ranging in number from 20 to 36. Mr. Shurtle gave an inspiring address, showing the worldwide scope of the Christian Endeavor movement and emphasizing the work of the temperance department under Dan Poling. The society has 78,000 branch societies and 4,000,000 members. A pleasing feature of the meeting was a duet, "Ivory Palaces," by Kenneth and Margaret Morse of the junior society of the Baptist church.

NO CHANGE IN SITUATION

Merchantships Defensively Armed to Be Treated as Warships

AUSTRIA'S POSITION IS LIKE GERMANY'S

Claim That Italian Merchantships Have Fired on Austrian Submarines German Ambassador Hands a New Note to Secretary Lansing.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, conferred with Secretary Lansing just before noon today on the new issues between the United States and Germany, arriving over the new submarine campaign.

Baron Zwiernik, charge of the Austrian embassy, had an engagement to confer with Secretary Lansing immediately after Count Bernstorff's conference was ended. Austria's position is to be announced as being identical with Germany's.

It is said the Austrian government charges it has evidence of several instances in which Italian merchant ships, armed defensively, have fired on Austrian submarines.

Count Von Bernstorff conferred with the secretary about 15 minutes and left a memorandum. Mr. Lansing acknowledged the ambassador had left a communication with him, but declined to discuss it. The note says Germany can conceive no reason for changing or postponing the new international submarine commanders to treat as warships enemy merchant ships "armed defensively" and that special precautions have been taken to prevent ships that are not armed from being attacked.

CONDUCTOR KILLED IN A FREIGHT WRECK

D. J. Cullinane Died in Hospital in Fitchburg—Four Other Men in Caboose Escaped.

WESTMINSTER, Mass., Feb. 28.—Daniel Joseph Cullinane, 52 years old, of Concord, N. H., conductor of freight train 205, bound from Boston to East Deerfield, was fatally injured in the caboose of his train, which was smashed from behind by freight train 503, bound from Boston to Belvidere Falls, at Plunketts Crossing, one mile west of the Westminster station on the Fitchburg railroad, where it was standing taking water, at 4.15 o'clock Sunday morning.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon Mr. Cullinane died in the Burbank hospital, Fitchburg, where he was carried with both legs broken and internal injuries. In the caboose with him were four other men, who escaped injury.

As a result of the rear-end collision the west-bound Fitchburg track in this vicinity. The tracks were cleared by a wrecking crew from Fitchburg, but it caused late delivery of the Sunday morning newspapers in many cities and towns. Mr. Cullinane had been a conductor 30 years and this was the first accident in which he had ever figured.

PROBATE COURT BUSINESS.

Transactions at Regular Monthly Session Saturday.

The following business was transacted in the regular monthly session of probate court Saturday:

Wills presented of Gilbert B. Lamb of Newfane and of Emeline Putnam and Sidney L. Morris, both of Brattleboro.

Motions for final settlements were made by S. W. Elgett, administrator of the estate of Frederick W. Graubering of Brattleboro; Cona Ryder Hartwell, administratrix of the estate of William J. Ryder of Marlboro; E. J. Roberts, administrator of the estate of Leslie Ryder of Marlboro; John R. Buell, administrator of the estate of Albert C. Buell of Wilmington.

Final settlements allowed in the estates of C. W. Ingram of Dover, F. E. Yeaw, administrator; Ellen M. Bragg of Brattleboro, Rexford Benson, administrator.

Wills allowed of Mary M. Taft of Guilford, Fred H. and Aurelia M. Taft, executors; Mary Chapin Warder of Brattleboro, Charles H. Pratt appointed executor; Sophronia P. Ford of Whittingham.

License to sell real estate of George M. Tucker of Halifax, to Jennie M. Tucker, guardian.

HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK.

Struck Austrian Mine Off the Albanian Coast—Numerous Victims.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The sinking of the hospital ship Marchiaro near San Giovanni, Di Medua, Albania, is reported in a despatch from Rome to Exchange Telegraph company. The vessel is said to have struck an Austrian mine. It is reported there were numerous victims.

Manila's population is rapidly increasing. Philadelphia has 103 banking institutions.

WEST RIVER TRAIN BLOCKED BY ICE

Delayed An Hour This Morning South of Newfane—Lower West Dummerston Road Again Opened.

The ice on the tracks of the West River branch of the Central Vermont railroad was cleared away Saturday afternoon sufficiently so that the evening train was able to make the trip from Brattleboro to South Londonderry.

This morning the train was an hour late reaching Brattleboro because of ice on the track a mile south of Newfane. It was necessary to back the train to Newfane and get section hands there to clear away the ice.

Road Superintendent Warren L. Walker said this noon that the lower West Dummerston road, which was blocked by ice and water Saturday, would be opened for traffic this afternoon. The conditions there were by no means as bad as they were a year ago.

The cold weather and the cessation of the rain put a stop to the flow of water which was causing damage. Last night, while the mercury did not get down below zero, the severe north wind made the night one of the most uncomfortable of the winter.

BELLEVEILLE-AUSTIN.

Double Ring Marriage Ceremony Performed in Bridegroom's Home.

The marriage of Don Frasier Belleville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominique Belleville of Clark street, and Miss Stella Rosella Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Austin of Brookline, took place Saturday evening in the home of Mr. Belleville's parents, Rev. George E. Tomkinson, pastor of the First Baptist church, performing the ceremony. The immediate families and a few invited guests were present. A double ring service was used and the couple was unattended. The bride wore a blue silk taffeta gown and carried white roses. They left yesterday morning for a 10-days' stay in Boston.

Mr. Belleville is employed as service man by the Vermont Auto Sales company. Mrs. Belleville has had a position for a number of years as bookkeeper in the hardware store of Robbins & Cowles.

PRATT EXHIBITS CATTLE.

Sends Shorthorns to Breeders' Club Show in Painesville, O.

Members of the New England Shorthorn Breeders' association have sent about 20 head of cattle to the auction held by the Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Club of America at Painesville, O., March 2. Eleven head started west from Greenfield Thursday, seven of which were from Vermont from the herds of W. A. Simpson of Lyndonville and W. S. Pratt of Brattleboro. Two head each, from the herds of D. T. Barnard and Geo. E. Taylor & Son, joined them at Greenfield. Other New England herds represented are those of Winslow Clark of Shoreham (Vt.), and Flintstone farms of Dalton, Mass.

WAIVED EXAMINATION.

Young Orpet's Case to Go Before March Term of Grand Jury.

LAKE FOREST, Ill., Feb. 28.—Will H. Orpet, a university of Wisconsin student, charged with the murder of Marion Frances Lambert, a Lake Forest high school student, waived preliminary examination before a justice of the peace today. The case will go before the March grand jury.

TWO MEN PERISHED.

Were Sleeping Over Store Burned in East Millinocket.

EAST MILLINOCKET, Me., Feb. 28.—Two men were burned to death today while sleeping in a building which is used as a provision store. The fire, supposed to have been started by an overheated stove, caused a loss estimated at \$3,000. An investigation of the circumstances of the fire was begun.

TO VOTE OR NOT TO VOTE

Brookfield Man Brings the Matter Before State Supreme Court

PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS HEARD

Special Session in Montpelier This Afternoon to Determine Whether Delinquent Taxpayers May Vote on Referendum Measures.

(Special to The Reformer.)

MONTPELIER, Feb. 28.

Thomas W. Martin of Brookfield, in Orange county, having been refused the right to have his name on the check list, has brought a petition for a writ of mandamus against C. R. Fulham, A. D. Reed, A. H. Bigelow and others of the board of civil authority of the town of Brookfield to compel that board to insert his name on the check list of the town so that he may vote at the coming March meeting on the question of the referendum pertaining to the primary election law as provided in section 31 of No. 4 of the acts of 1915; also on the question of the referendum provided in section 1 of No. 172 of the acts of 1915 pertaining to the prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors as provided in No. 171 of the acts of 1915.

In order that the petition may be heard and determined at once application was made to the justices of the supreme court requesting that a special term of that court be appointed on an early day for such purpose, and this application has been granted. A special term of the supreme court was appointed by the justices to be held in Montpelier at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

In an opinion given by Attorney General Herbert G. Barber of Brattleboro to Secretary of State Guy W. Bailey of Essex Junction a man who had not paid his taxes by Feb. 15 is not entitled to vote on the two matters referred to, according to the attorney general's interpretation of the law.

The decision of the supreme court will be in effect a decision as to whether delinquent taxpayers have a right to vote on these referendum matters, and it is expected that the decision will be announced in time so that delinquent taxpayers throughout the state may know before time to vote just what their rights are in this respect. Hale K. Darling appears for the petitioner and John N. Harvey for the town.

THOUSANDS RETURN TO ANSONIA MILLS

Men Who Were Out Two Weeks on a Strike Receive an Increase of 15 Per Cent in Wages.

ANSONIA, Conn., Feb. 28.—The mills of the American Brass Company here, which have been closed nearly two weeks by a strike of more than 2,000 unskilled laborers, resumed operations today. All the strikers returned to work under the compromise agreement reached Saturday, by which the men receive an increase in wages of about 15 per cent.

"I am satisfied with your handwriting," said the manager to the applicant for the position of secretary. "But can you write shorthand?" "Oh, yes, sir; only it takes longer." —Ex.

OUR 30th SEMI-ANNUAL

Clearance Sale

CLOSES TOMORROW NIGHT

Tonight and all day Tomorrow you can buy Men's and Boys' Clothes and Furnishings Goods at Clearance Prices.

Come and Save Money

Goodnow, Pearson & Hunt

OPERATORS OF TEN STORES, BRATTLEBORO

A Free Gift of \$2.00

To All Members of

The Emerson Furniture Club

You pay \$1.00 each week or month as you wish, after making eight payments you select any \$10.00 article in our store which we will deliver to your home or our freight station, giving a full receipt for same; or we will allow you to purchase goods in any amount up to \$50.00, allowing the eight dollars which you have paid to count as \$10.00. The balance to be paid in \$1.00 weekly payments while you are getting the use of the premiums selected.

Our Club Is No Gamble

Every member gets FULL VALUE for their money. One can select personally whatever they wish from a larger stock than any city club offers—HAS NO FREIGHT TO PAY and gets delivery right to their home, without scratches or bangs, and \$2.00 in clean cash.

Is this not better than dealing with strangers miles away who may give you something for your money or not?

Join the Club NOW

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METHODIST CHURCH

Monday Evening, Feb. 28, 8 o'clock

Admission, 35 cents

A SPLENDID CONCERT